Amendments to the Specification

Please INSERT the following heading and paragraph after the Title of the Invention on page one (1) of the Specification in the instant application as follows:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a U.S. National Stage entry of co-pending International Application No. PCT/AU2004/001444 filed on October 21, 2004 by JOMAA, Ali et al. entitled AN APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ALLOCATING A PRIZE, the entire contents of which is incorporated by reference, and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 371. As in the parent International Application No. PCT/AU2004/001444, priority is also claimed to co-pending Australia Patent Application No. 2003905792, filed on October 21, 2003, the entire contents of which is incorporated by reference, and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. --

Please amend the paragraph at page 13, lines 19-27 as follows:

This data as received by the auxiliary controller (2) within any given polling period is stored in a memory accessible to the auxiliary controller (2), as shown at step 21 of Figure 2. For the sake of illustrative example, we shall base a running example on the preferred embodiment illustrated in Figure 5, wherein the gaming apparatus has five auxiliary controllers (2), identified as Server Nos. 1 to 5. We shall further assume, for the sake of illustrative example, that Server No. 4 (also known at auxiliary controller No. 4) has 25 gaming terminals in its associated group (8), identified by gaming terminal identifier Nos. 1 to 25. In one polling period auxiliary controller No. 4 receives and stores the following data in its memory:

Please amend the paragraph at page 16, lines 15-28 as follows:

Referring now to Figure 3, once the primary controller (1) has received data from each of the auxiliary controllers (2) at step 24, it then determines whether or not to award a prize at step 25. In this embodiment the prize is awarded once the total contributory revenue received by all of the gaming terminals (2) exceeds a randomly selected value. For example, assume that the running value of total contributory revenues ~~at~~ <u>as</u> tracked by the primary controller (1) is $1,072.10 prior to processing by the primary controller (1) of the data received from auxiliary controller No. 4. Further, assume that the randomly selected trigger value at which the prize is awarded is $1,072.14. Once the primary processor (1) increments the running total by the $0.08 amount communicated by Server No. 4, the running value of total contributory revenues equals $1,072.18, which exceeds the randomly selected trigger value of $1,072.14. Hence, the primary controller (1) determines that the prize is to be awarded to one of the gaming terminals (2) in the group (8) associated with Server No. 4.

Please amend the paragraph at page 21, lines 1-5 as follows:

In other embodiments, the terminals provide to the auxiliary controller during each polling cycle predetermined details of each transaction that has occurred in that cycle. The auxiliary controller is then responsive to those predetermined details for deriving a total contribution amount that corresponds to the number of hamburger<u>s</u> sold via the terminals in the polling cycle.